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1. On 21 September General Nicolae Radescu had his first audience with King Mihai at Villefranche-sur-Mer, to discuss the composition of a Rumanian Committee, concerning which General Constantin Petre-Lazar had communicated with General Radescu and Grigore Niculescu-Buzesti, National Peasant leader, in August. No understanding was reached at this audience, since General Radescu insisted that Viorel Tilea and Charles Davila must be included in any committee to be formed. General Radescu was dissatisfied with the result of this first audience and demanded another. He returned to Villefranche on 2 October.

2. Radescu has proposed to the King the formation of a smaller council composed of himself; Grigore Gafencu, former Foreign Minister; Constantin Visociaru, former Foreign Minister; Augustin Popa, a member of the National Peasant Party; and Mihail Farcașanu, a member of the Liberal Party. On 6 October King Mihai sent telegrams to Augustin Popa and Virgil Veniamin, requesting that they come immediately to Villefranche.

3. Despite his proposal that the King authorize the formation of a small council, General Radescu carries a letter from Grigore Gafencu expressing the latter's desire to see Viorel Tilea and Charles Davila appointed to any committee formed.

4. It is reported that the seat of any committee created will be Washington, but certain members would be delegated to remain in London and Paris. The secretariat-general of a committee would probably be directed by Virgil Veniamin.

5. It appears that General Radescu is discreetly seeking the support of the Iron Guard. He recently sent funds for Rumanian refugees to Major Mattei, a well-known Iron Guardist who is presently living in the French zone of Austria. There is some indication that the entourage of King Mihai is attempting to establish contact with the Iron Guard.

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